

Keeping in Touch

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APRIL 1985
TOP 20 TITHESReceived by May 15, 1985
(In Amount Given)

1.	MCC Dallas.....Dallas, TX	\$2282.17
2.	MCC of the Resurrection...Houston, TX	1894.08
3.	MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	1261.92
4.	MCC Los Angeles.....Los Angeles, CA	1055.14
5.	MCC in the Valley.. No. Hollywood, CA	1014.55
6.	Church of the H.Spirit.Ft.Lderdle, FL	977.42
7.	MCC New York.....NY	818.24
8.	MCC of Greater St. Louis.....MO	670.73
9.	Christ Chapel MCC.....Santa Ana, CA	659.53
10.	MCC Washington.....DC	625.86
11.	MCC of Greater Kansas City.....MO	591.12
12.	MCC Toronto.....ONT	570.57
13.	MCC San Francisco.....CA	544.89
14.	MCC Vancouver.....B.C.	521.86
15.	River City MCC.....Sacramento, CA	499.58
16.	Agape MCC of Ft. Worth.....TX	484.35
17.	MCC Portland.OR	470.35
18.	MCC San Antonio.....TX	398.45
19.	Holy Covenant MCC.....LaGrange, IL	380.16
20.	MCC Tulsa.....OK	377.98

Canadian Exchange to U.S.

APRIL 1985
Top 20 TithesReceived by May 15th
(Per Capita)

1.	MCC Ventura.....Ventura, CA	\$ 48.54
2.	MCC Vancouver.....B.C.	24.16
3.	Diablo Valley MCC.....Concord, CA	19.50
4.	MCC of the Redwoods.....San Rafael, CA	17.50
5.	Harlem MCC.....New York, NY	17.48
6.	Morning Star MCC.....Hudson, MA	16.53
7.	Trinity MCC.....New York, NY	15.04
8.	MCC NOVA.....Oakton, VA	14.46
9.	New Covenant MCC.....Garden Grove, CA	14.07
10.	MCC of the Spirit.....Harrisburg, PA	12.98
11.	Calvary MCC.....Redwood City, CA	12.95
12.	New Life MCC.....Oakland, CA	12.92
13.	MCC Richmond.....Richmond, VA	12.89
14.	MCC Charlotte.....Charlotte, NC	12.78
15.	Christ Chapel MCC.....Santa Ana, CA	12.56
16.	MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	12.53
17.	ICM Queens.....New York, NY	12.42
18.	MCC in the Valley....No. Hollywood, CA	12.30
19.	MCC Salem.....Salem, OR	12.19
20.	MCC Midland/Odessa.....Midland, TX	11.71

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PRAISES



The premier showing of "God, Gays and the Gospel: This is Our Story" was shown in L.A., May 9th, at a dinner honoring Edith "Mom" Perry. The dinner raised over \$15,000.00 toward the airing of the TV special.

The second showing of "God, Gays and the Gospel: This is Our Story," was shown in Dallas, Texas. There were over 180 people present and we raised over \$13,000.00 toward the airing of the special. Three churches were involved in the organization and planning of this special event, they were:

Agape MCC

Mid-Cities MCC

Dallas MCC

Praise God for all their wonderful efforts and a very successful event.

On August 3, 1985, Roman Catholic Bishop Kenneth D. Steiner, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, will celebrate Mass, a mass for healing aids patients, with Dignity International, Portland Chapter. Praise God!

(notice provided by Marguerite Scroggie, MCC Portland)

"I noted on the back cover of our JOURNEY that your General Conference will take place in Sacramento in June/July. Although well in advance, may I send you the very sincerest and most loving wishes of our movement for its success and divine guidance. With love and best wishes, Michael Johnson, the Gay Christian Movement, London."

Praise God! MCC Spokane in Washington finally closed on their new building!!!

As you know, each morning at 9:00 a.m., the Fellowship Staff joins together for Prayer and Praises. As we gather together in oneness and lift up our petitions and praises before God, we experience a sense of the Fellowship people everywhere sharing that special time with us. It is a warm and wonderful feeling, knowing that as we pray - you are all praying with us. We are all blessed by your spirit. Praise God!

Praise God for the spirit felt everywhere during this time of District Conferences throughout the world. Our prayers and praises for productive and prosperous District Conferences. Good luck to all those Student Clergy taking tests and meeting with their C.R.C's. God Bless you each and everyone.

Thank you all for your prayer support for "Mom" Perry who was taken to the hospital for a possible stroke. The doctor's found no blood clots or any damage. Other than experiencing some numbness - she is recovering well, and doing a lot better. Thank God.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Prayers for Spirit-filled District Conferences.

Continued prayers of healing for Grant Ford - who recently underwent back surgery. Grant is doing much better these days and thanks you all for your prayers and support.

Special prayers for all our Fellowship Lay and Clergy Leadership as they prepare for General Conference XII.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies to Mid-Cities MCC in Arlington, Texas. They should have been on the "Top 20's List" for the May Keeping in Touch for March Tithes. Thanks to Clarke Friesen for bringing this to our attention.

The preConference Packets have been prepared and mailed to all Churches, Clergy and Conference Registrants..

Mr. Richard Sallade, of MCC of the Holy Spirit, P.O. Box 3083, Des Moines, Iowa, 50316-0083, is beginning work on a format for a couples support group. write to him if you would like copies of his materials. Also, he is seeking additional materials to use - if you have anything to offer please write to him c/o the above address.

NEW ADDRESS: Rev. Claudia Vierra - Chair, C.C.C.C
172 San Carlos Way
Novato, CA 94947

Claudia is the newly elected pastor of MCC of the Redwoods. Congratulations and Best Wishes for your journey.

Congratulations and our Best Wishes to the following newly elected pastors:

Rev. Bruce Brown - MCC Springfield Family, MO

Rev. Joseph Fischer - MCC Syracuse, NY - and,

Rev. Gayle Van Buren - MCC in Northern Virginia.

* If we have overlooked anyone, or you have similar information to share - please contact the Fellowship Offices so we can pass on the good news.

We are saddened by the recent loss of Mr. Gary Norton, who died of aids. Gary has been a real pioneer in beginning new groups in the Mid-Atlantic District, as well as his visibility in the greater community and stance on Gay/Lesbian Rights. Our continued prayers for his family and friends.

SAMARITAN COLLEGE

The plans for the "Orientation to MCC Pastoring" program are on schedule for the Los Angeles six-week program. The two-week segments in Seattle and New York were cancelled due to lack of registrations. The six-week program will run from July 9 - August 18, 1985. We ask you to keep this in your prayers!

On May 31, 1985 Samaritan College is holding its 1985 Commencement ceremonies at MCC of the Pomona Valley at 7:30 p.m. The following students will have earned their Bachelors in Theology:

Rev. Yolanda Sheresé Allen

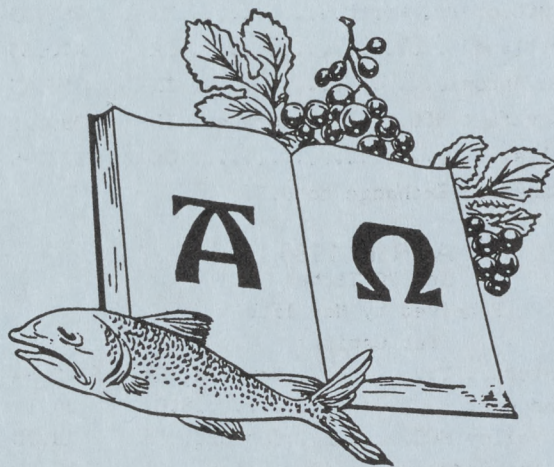
Ms. Susan W. Deitrick

Ms. Barbara Sagat

Ms. Marcie Naomi Wexler

Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson will receive her Honorary Doctorate of Ministries Degree for her years of dedication and service to UFMCC. All are invited to attend this celebration. We ask your prayers for this special celebration and the continuing ministries of our graduates!

The class schedule for the first Semester of 1985-86 is being distributed this month to the churches. This semester features special weekend seminars which focus on various aspects of lay ministries. We encourage all who can, to participate in these classes.



IMPORTANT - IMPORTANT!!!

Remember to send in your registration for General Conference. Pre-registration must be in the Fellowship Office by Friday, June 21st at the latest! You can also register on site in Sacramento starting Sunday, June 30th.

Also, send in your room registrations directly to Joan Jackson at the Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau - 1311 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2965. We have committed to using their services and to fill a minimum number of rooms in order not to pay a fee for use of the Convention facilities. Please help us in this endeavor - your cooperation is most appreciated.

N.C.C. - UPDATE

The Governing Board meeting of the National Council of Churches of Christ, USA, met in Chicago, May 15-17 in the first meeting of the new triennium. The new General Secretary, Arie Bouwer, gave a moving opening speech entitled, "For the Healing of the Council," during which he "confessed" the difficulties the council has had, and pledged himself to lead the council in its renewal of its faith and witness in the world. In particular, the General Secretary renewed the commitment of the Council to minister to those, all over the world, who are suffering.

Rev. Nancy Wilson and Ms. Sandi Robinson, Co-Chairs of the Department of Ecumenical Relations, met with members of the NCC Governing Board to begin planning for three dialogues that will take place with Governing Board members over the next two years. These dialogues will last for 1½ days each, and will include sharing and discussions on human sexuality, Biblical Interpretation and Church Unity and Ministry.

In addition, MCC people present at the meeting spoke with denomination, Governing Board members and staff of the Council about the aids crisis, and how we can work together in ministry during this crisis.

GENERAL CONFERENCE XII - UPDATE

General Conference XII continues to gain momentum with over 600 persons registered as of May 15th. Remember to get your event passes early so you don't miss the Opening Reception with Romanovsky and Phillips our featured entertainers - they have received "rave" reviews.

As a reminder: Opening Reception = \$6.50
Breakfast Reception = \$8.50
Evening Reception = \$6.50
OR
ALL Events = \$20.00

Our very special event on Monday will be the showing of "OUR" film, "God, Gays and the Gospel: This is Our Story." You will find it a truly moving experience. Copies of the "Our film" on video-tape will be available to purchase at Conference. See you in Sacramento June 30 - July 7 - "FREE TO BE."

Remember Thursday, July 4, 1985 there will be a full day at General Conference devoted to the aids crisis. In the morning we will have special speakers - in the afternoon there will be workshops offered. Plan to attend, this will be one of the most up-to-date and informative meetings on the issue of aids.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

1985

Worship

Fellowship

Music

Seminars

Business Sessions

Special Programs

**FREE
to
BE**



AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		☐ Want to be on our mailing list? ☐ Have you moved? ☐ Changed phone number? ☐ Changed post office box? PLEASE LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY! Name _____ Old Address _____ New Address _____ Phone Number _____				
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Holiday (Republic of Ireland)					Fellowship & District Tithes Due District Coordinators Reports Due
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
MCC Zaire, Nigeria Chartered in 1976						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Samaritan Six Week "Orientation to MCC Pastoring" Ends in Los Angeles, CA						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Late Summer Holiday (U.K. not Scotland)					

← District de l'est du Canada Conference, →
London, Ontario

